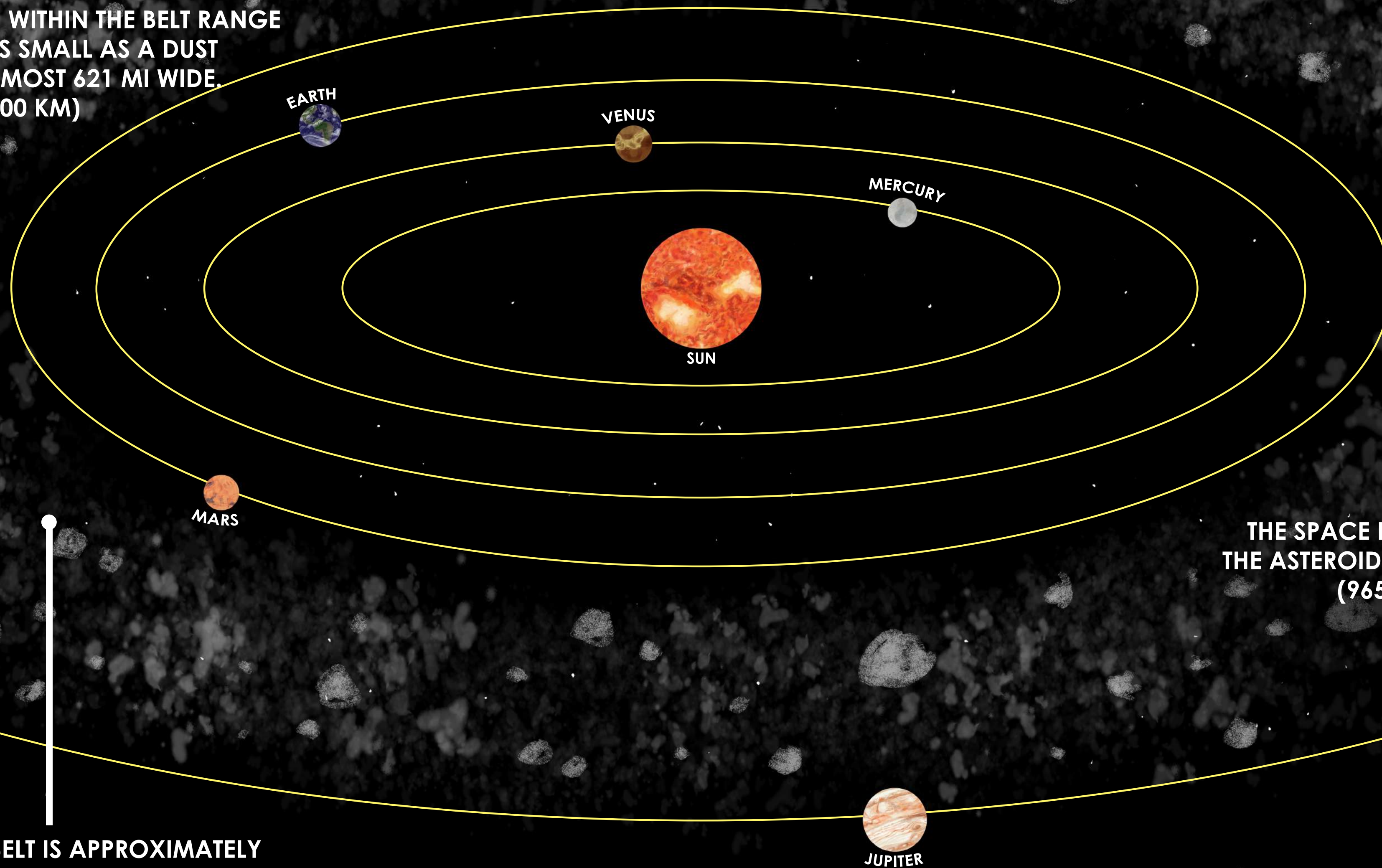


# ASTEROID BELT

THE ASTEROID BELT IS THE CIRCUMSTELLAR DISC IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM LOCATED ROUGHLY BETWEEN THE ORBITS OF THE PLANETS MARS AND JUPITER. IT IS OCCUPIED BY NUMEROUS IRREGULARLY SHAPED BODIES CALLED ASTEROIDS OR MINOR PLANETS.

THE SIZE OF OBJECTS WITHIN THE BELT RANGE FROM BEING AS SMALL AS A DUST PARTICLE TO ALMOST 621 MI WIDE.  
(1,000 KM)



THE SPACE BETWEEN EACH OF THE ASTEROIDS IS OVER 600,000 MI  
(965,606.4 KM)

THE ASTEROID BELT IS APPROXIMATELY  
1 ASTRONOMICAL UNIT (AU) THICK.

